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SUBJECT: BIRATNAGAR EXPLOSION - REPORTED CONFESSION OF CULPRIT,

GEN. SUBARNA VISIT

REF: KATHMANDU 1418

1. SEMI-OFFICIAL RISING NEPAL APRIL 23 REPORTS HOME MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENT THAT ONE BHIM NARAYAN SHRESTHA, HIMSELF WOUNDED IN MARCH 16 BIRATNAGAR EXPLOSION, HAS CONFESSED TO HAVING DETONATED THE GRENADE. ACCORDING ACCOUNT, SHRESTHA SAID HE WAS GIVEN THE GRENADE BY GIRIJA PRASAD KOIRALA AND RETIRED CAPT. YAGYA BAHADUR THAPA. "BOTH RESIDING IN FORBESGUNJ" TO UTILIZE DURING KING BIRENDRA'S BIRATNAGAR VISIT.

2. THERE IS RUMOR IN KATHMANDU THAT MODERATE NCP LEADER GEN. SUBARNA S.J.B. RANA IS IN TOWN ON ANNUAL HADJ TO SEEK RECONCILIATION WITH PALACE, AND THAT SHRESTHA CONFESSION WAS FABRICATED BY THOSE OPPOSED TO SUCH A RECONCILIATION.

3. EMBASSY HAS NO RECORD OF SHRESTHA OR CAPT. THAPA. G.P. KOIRALA IS, OF COURSE, BROTHER OF SELF-EXILED NCP LEADER B.P. KOIRALA AND HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED IN NUMBER OF RECENT REPORTS

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AS INCREASINGLY EXTREMIST IN OUTLOOK.

4. COMMENT: WHETHER OR NOT SHRESTHA CONFESSION WAS FABRICATED,
THIS DEVELOPMENT WILL PROBABLY INCREASE GON PRESSURES
ON GOI MORE EFFECTIVELY TO DEAL WITH NCP ELEMENTS RESIDING
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